

Franklin County Council August 23, 2005  
Conference Room @ 7:00 p.m.

Those present:

Martha Bergman  
Carroll Lanning  
Donald "Butch" Williams  
Hollie Sintz  
Jeff Koch  
Robert Runyon  
Kenneth Rosenberger

Elected officials:

Robert Brack  
Louis Linkel  
Marlene Flaspohler  
Mary Seufert  
Dale Maxie  
Judge J. Steven Cox  
Sharon Halcomb

Franklin County Auditor  
Carol L. Monroe

County Council Attorney  
Eugene Stewart

\*Donald "Butch" Williams opens meeting to with the Pledge of Allegiance and calls meeting to order

- I. Minutes
  - a. Hollie Sintz motions to accept
  - b. Jeff Koch seconds the motion
  - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor
- II. Transfer of Funds – **Resolution 2005-37**
  - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads resolution, asks Auditor to explain transfer
  - b. Carol Monroe – had an employee who’s husband has been out sick in the hospital and will be out for some time yet
  - c. Carroll Lanning – this is just *moving* money, no additional money
  - d. Carol Monroe - replies yes
  - e. Carroll Lanning - Motions to approve transfer
  - f. Robert Runyon - seconds the motion
  - g. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- III. (Amend) Salary **Ordinance 2005-16**
  - a. Carol Monroe – states this is just making the salary ordinance read/match what has been done with the transfers this year on part time help
  - b. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads amendments
  - c. Hollie Sintz motions to accept changes
  - d. Kenneth Rosenberger - seconds the motion
  - e. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- IV. Additional Appropriation **Resolution 2005-36**
  - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – reads resolution. Address county general request for Sara Weisbrodt (Fairfield Township. Trustee) She did not include it in her budget request last year and discovered she still needs another eighty-eight dollars above that. Told her one of two things would be done; it can be denied or postponed. She is not expecting it to be approved tonight.
  - b. Martha Bergman – motions to postpone additional (to next meeting)
  - c. Carol Monroe-states any additional done (approved) after June 30<sup>th</sup> (2005) will have to be cut from this or next years budget
  - d. Jeff Koch – seconds the motion
  - e. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
  - f. Hollie Sintz – highway had a contract for WTH and paying second part of it.
  - g. Carroll Lanning – clarifies this is coming out of cumulative bridge fund
  - h. Kim Linkel – Indiana tobacco sensation grant. The original one ran out in June. This one goes through until June of 2007. It is 100% grant money.
  - i. Robert Runyon – hasn’t this money run out?
  - j. Kim Linkel - 10.8 million was awarded
  - k. Hollie Sintz Motions to accept
  - l. Jeff Koch – seconds the motion
  - m. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried
- V. **Ordinance 2005-17** (Appropriating Proceeds)
  - a. Donald "Butch" Williams – opens floor to any comments or questions to the renovation
  - b. Gene Stewart – the folks that were here a few months ago explained it well. We have a deed that is/will be recorded and the Commissioners now own the old high school.
  - c. Martha Bergman – would like to know who is in charge of the “history room”
  - d. Robert Brack – the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hallburg and Don Jobe is in charge of collecting. You need to look at it. It is ready for the contractors to move in. Our temporary electric is in and working on cutting the heat off from the school to move to the county. Found that everything is in good shape.
  - e. Donald "Butch" Williams – closes public portion and proceed to adopting ordinances and these are of public record and if someone would like to review or read them. Reads first paragraph of both ordinances.
  - f. Carroll Lanning – motion to accept ordinance 2005-17
  - g. Hollie Sintz seconds the motion
  - h. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried

- VI. **Ordinance 2005-18** (Authorizing Issuance of Sale of General Obligation Bonds)
- Jeff Koch – motion to accept ordinance
  - Kenneth Rosenberger seconds the motion
  - Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried.
  - Gene Stewart – will get copies of the signed ordinance from Carol (Monroe) tomorrow for bond council
- VII. Family & Children
- Donald "Butch" Williams – received letter from Terry Suttles (Director of DFC) basically explaining he was trying to make an effort for payment and talked to him last July and sent this letter certified. He *is* making an effort to make payment and I also informed Terry council had appropriated the money and it was up to him to make payments.
- VIII. Budget 2006 – problems
- Donald "Butch" Williams – three members of county council met with Paige on Friday
  - Jeff Koch – basically went through revenue with Carol (Monroe) and she said our revenue is at 4 million. The state (DLGF), when they look at our budget they only make sure we are within the law. The way we have been able to do that (budget as the county has) is because we have had a cash reserve. She (Paige) is working with some counties that are going to be in the same situation we are in two years.
  - Hollie Sintz – one of her recommendations was to cut five hundred thousand out of this year and five hundred out of next year, and raising fees.
  - Donald "Butch" Williams – it all still falls back on us. The DLGF will give us a figure and we budget according to that. We have met the figures we have been given by the state.
  - Jeff Koch – the state doesn't care about tomorrow.
  - Donald "Butch" Williams – this person you talked to-
  - Angie Snyder – questions river boat revenue (from Lawrenceburg)
  - Gene Stewart – we have been in contact with city council and have proposed an agreement to them. We have heard that they are strongly considering something but haven't seen anything
  - Diane Turney -unrealistic for the County to cut a million out of the budget as we have grown. Doesn't feel we are keeping up to date. It scares you-what is going happen.
  - Donald "Butch" Williams – we were told last year we had Four hundred thousand and this year 1million. Point is very good. Our budget is not increasing.
  - Robert Brack – we are not like the private sector. The assessed valuations go down but we don't have any more revenue. We need jobs, industry.
  - Robert Runyon – questions law of river boats
  - Gene states there is no law requiring them to share. We are proposing from Lawrenceburg this be continuous.
  - Ron Larew – can the money be used for roads, bridges?
  - Robert Brack – this can be used for general operating
  - Angie Snyder – our local health maintenance fund will be decreasing which is part of secretary and sanitation line.
  - Robert Brack- we have to do a survey that will cost thirty-eight thousand and if we don't, it will jeopardize our federal funding (highway).
  - Donald "Butch" Williams – seven of us next week we have one heck of a mountain to get over. We all are in this together. We are open for suggestions and are going to do all we can do. Do we think we would be ahead
  - Ron Larew – Dr Larry Boar is available out of Purdue. Don't know if he will have any ideas but that is what Purdue is here and you have all of Purdue right behind you.
  - Kenneth Rosenberger – we need to hire her (Paige Gilpin)
  - Donald "Butch" Williams – we need to do a lot of both. She is \$6,800 for the year. The company is HJ Umbaugh and Associates out of Indianapolis.
  - Martha Bergman – questions if we still have \$7,000.00 consultant
  - Carol Monroe – no, we haven't for about six years
  - Judge J. Steven Cox – now you know what the revenue is, what will this consultant tell you that you don't already know? Now the decision is how you cut that. Isn't that what you guys do-is that what the consultant is going to help with is prioritizing with
  - Jeff Koch – she will also offer other options-like rolling bonds.
  - Judge J. Steven Cox -talks about bond schedule and if council has considered it. Everyone is concerned about it as the next person. Leadership dictates that decisions have to be made. What are you telling us about this consultant-rolling bonds, it that what you are talking about as obvious deductions.
  - aa. Donald "Butch" Williams – what I myself, looking for advice
  - bb. Judge J. Steven Cox – are we to the point that the revenue is down or have we spent our savings account.
  - cc. Donald "Butch" Williams – the revenue keeps dwindling-where is the cash reserve.
  - dd. Susan Jones-didn't you get a big distribution from CAGIT
  - ee. Donald "Butch" Williams – yes, but that just caught us up-
  - ff. Sharon Halcomb – didn't Fayette County have to cut a million from their budget last year. And has someone called them to see how they did it.
  - gg. Angie Snyder – concerned that last year we got together and now we don't have much left to offer-for everyone to function. We looked over ours and what is in there is what we need to operate on. Is there something we can do like raise fees. Don't know if that will be enough
  - hh. Carroll Lanning-when can we decide on the consultant
  - ii. Donald "Butch" Williams – will have contact with Larry Boar and he loves to help. That is what we pay for.
  - jj. Robert Brack-what are we going to do about gas? That is going to take away from putting anything on the roads.
  - kk. Hollie Sintz – she (Paige Gilpin) will only bill for what we use her for
  - ll. Donald "Butch" Williams – would it be, we are in favor of contacting this person if we so decide come Tuesday morning but would be up to my digression. Before I did anything I would be in contact with each and everyone of you (council members)

- mm. Hollie Sintz – motion for Donald "Butch" Williams talked to Mr. and to tentatively authorize the contract of HJ Umbaugh
- nn.Kenneth Rosenberger seconds the motion
- oo.Carroll Lanning – what are they going to charge per visit?
- pp.Louis Linkel – she impressed me
- qq.Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; opposed-Martha Bergman, abstained-Donald “butch” Williams

- IX. Bond
- a. Judge J. Steven Cox asked if council made a decision on the bond
  - b. Donald "Butch" Williams – you stated you
  - c. Judge J. Steven Cox - reads changes in bonds from what he had set it at to what it was lowered to to help council/jail house state prisoners. **Tape 2** it states each time you bond out and are in again the bond is doubled when they are bonded a second time. Bonds are not a pretrial punishment. They are only set at a reasonable rate to make sure of appearance.
  - d. Hollie Sintz – feels we should leave the schedule where it is.
  - e. Judge J. Steven Cox – are we in more danger because of the bond schedule-not minimizing the meth. on any community. The crime is self inflicted. Have seen more fatalities due to drunk driving.
  - f. Robert Brack – the meth. people will bond out no matter where it is
  - g. Judge J. Steven Cox – the court balances the community concern and the fiscal concern. Are people more concerned about what meth people will do while out on bond or what they will pay.
  - h. Carroll Lanning – questions if bond is published
  - i. Judge J. Steven Cox – no matter if was published in the paper or not-those people don’t/won’t read the paper but can quote the schedule to you.
  - j. Donald "Butch" Williams – raising the bond will not make us any money, it will cost us.
  - k. Jeff Koch – does it matter to these people if it is 25 or 30 thousand
  - l. Judge J. Steven Cox – it doesn’t matter to these people
  - m. Donald "Butch" Williams – are you wanting a consensus?
  - n. Judge J. Steven Cox – don’t want anything formal. We worked on the together before and think we all agree-I have seen a decrease in the amounts of warrants working/cooking in the county. You have done what you can and have responded on the front of this. You are going to see pauper bills that we haven’t seen before in this county. No portion of government is going to work on this alone. The law cannot be ignored, we have to think about this in a responsible way. You represent the taxpayers also-if county general was in trouble when we first talked about this, it needs a tunicate now.

- X. Adjourn
- a. Hollie Sintz motions to adjourn
  - b. Jeff Koch seconds the motion
  - c. Donald "Butch" Williams – all in favor; motion carried.

**Budge Hearings-council will meet at 8:00 and the hearings will start at 8:30**

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